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[Note.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

III

BILLS TO AMEND THE ANDHRA UNIVERSITY ACT, 1925.

- * Mr. P. C. VENKATAPATI RAJU :—" Mr President, Sir, I move under Standing Order No. 34 that items Nos. 1 to 7 on the agenda be passed over and that item No. 8 be taken up for consideration. My reasons for moving this motion are these. All the first seven Bills deal with specific points, whereas Bill No. 8 deals with the main principles of the Andhra University Act. The question is whether the Andhra University should be a unitary teaching university or a federal type of university with the headquarters at a place where there is no centre. My Bill seeks to amend the Act in such a way that the University should be of a unitary and teaching type and it may be located somewhere. Once this main thing is considered and disposed of, the question of the location may be considered with advantage by the Council. I therefore move that items Nos. 1 to 7 on the agenda be postponed till after item No. 8 is disposed of by the Council."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" I second it "

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The question is that items Nos. 1 to 7 on the agenda be postponed until item No. 8 has been disposed of."

* The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I have no objection to the course suggested."

* Mr. P. SIVA RAO :—" Mr. President, Sir, I have one suggestion to make in considering the large number of Bills on the question of the Andhra University. I do not agree with the hon. Member from Vizagapatam that item No. 8 should be taken up first. I think it would be better if item No. 2, i.e., the Bill of Mr. Nagan Gowda is taken up for consideration first."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" If the hon. Member wants to propose another motion I would advise him first to oppose the present motion and get it disposed of."

* Mr. P. SIVA RAO :—" I shall give my reasons for opposing this motion. The hon. Member Mr. Nagan Gowda wants to exclude Bellary from the operation of the Andhra University Act. In connexion with that the hon. Member, the Zamindar of Gollapalli, has given notice of an amendment to the effect that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee. Now if the amendment of the Zamindar of Gollapalli is carried, by the Council, all the other Bills will have to be held up till the Select Committee has reported on this. So the decision of the Council on Mr. Nagan Gowda's Bill which wants that Bellary should be excluded from the Andhra University area, will have a material bearing on the consideration of the other Bills. I therefore oppose the motion for the postponement."

* Mr. A. V. BHANOJI RAO :—" Sir, I have given notice of some amendments and, if this motion is passed, I will lose the right of moving them. Unless the hon. the President allows the moving of those amendments . . ."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I cannot make any promise in advance."

Mr. A. V. BHANOJI RAO :—" Sir, since it would prejudice the consideration of my amendments, I oppose the motion for postponement."

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The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI :—“ I oppose this motion. These Bills have been arranged in some order and I don't see any reason to accept the motion.”

* Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—“ Mr. President, Sir, those who have opposed this motion are under a misapprehension. The Select Committee has come to the conclusion that it should be a teaching and residential university. If we do not decide that point now, all the labours of the Select Committee will be wasted. The question of the location of the university may be decided later on after the type of university is settled first and after we have decided what we should do with regard to the first grade colleges, etc. I therefore support the motion of Mr. P. C. Venkatapati Raju.”

* Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—“ I am very sorry that my friend, Mr. Venkatapati Raju, has taken this course without giving us any indication of his views on the subject.”

* Mr. P. C. VENKATAPATI RAJU :—“ Personal explanation, Sir.”

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ The hon. Member may give it at a later stage.”

* Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—“ The hon. Member's Bill consists of two parts, one relating to the type of the university and the other regarding the location of it. I think the hon. Member is taking away the chances of Vizagapatam, Guntur and many other places and such of those as have got no motions on the agenda with regard to his Bill. So I do not think my hon. Friend will be justified in asking that his Bill should be taken up first before the other Bills put on the agenda. And that especially after your statement that you would give no permission to move new motions.”

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ I only said I could not hold out any promise in advance.”

* Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—“ That is exactly what I am saying.”

“ In view of that statement I think it will be highly prejudicial to the best interests of other places to take up Mr. Venkatapati Raju's Bill first. I think Mr. Venkatapati Raju is wholly mistaken in the view that there are members who would oppose the type of university recommended by his Bill. I strongly oppose the motion.”

* Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—“ Mr. President, Sir, the hon. Member Mr. Venkatapati Raju's Bill not only mentions that the university should be of a unitary and teaching type but also it says that the headquarters should be at a particular place. If that is accepted by the Council, then the Bills relating to all the other places for the location of the headquarters are relegated to an inconvenient corner. It would work as a hardship to the interests indicated in the other Bills. I oppose the motion now under discussion, unless the hon. Member divides his Bill into two portions.”

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ The hon. Member Mr. Venkatapati Raju may now give his personal explanation.”

* Mr. P. C. VENKATAPATI RAJU :—“ May I have a right of reply ? ”

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ An adjournment motion is not a substantive motion and the hon. Member has no right of reply.”

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* Mr. P. C. VENKATAPATI RAJU :--“ Sir, some of my friends have misunderstood my purpose in moving that my Bill be taken up first. I should like to point out to them that . . . ”

The hon. the PRESIDENT :--“ I do not think that constitutes a personal explanation. I shall put the motion to the vote of the House. The question is that items Nos. 1 to 7 in the agenda be postponed until item No. 8 is disposed of.”

The question was put and declared lost.

A poll was demanded and the House divided thus :—

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Ayes.

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| 1. The hon. Sir Norman Macjoribanks. | 28. Mr. Al. Ar. Narayanan Chettiyar. |
| 2. „ Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur. | 29. „ V. I. Muniswami Pillai. |
| 3. „ Mr. T. E. Moir. | 30. „ W. P. A. Soundarapandia Nadar. |
| 4. „ Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar. | 31. „ S. Subrahmanya Moopana. |
| 5. „ Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar. | 32. „ C. Ramalinga Reddi. |
| 6. „ Dr. P. Subbarayan. | 33. „ W. E. Smith. |
| 7. Dr. (Mrs.) S. Muthulakshmi Reddi. | 34. „ S. N. Dorai Raja. |
| 8. Diwan Bahadur P. Kesava Pillai. | 35. „ U. Ramaswami Ayyar. |
| 9. Rao Bahadur C. V. Anantakrishna Ayyar. | 36. Rao Sahib K. Srinivasan. |
| 10. Mr. C. B. Cotterell. | 37. Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti. |
| 11. „ H. A. Watson. | 38. „ S. Satyamurti. |
| 12. „ C. A. Souter. | 39. „ C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar. |
| 13. „ S. H. Slater. | 40. „ T. Adinarayana Chettiyar. |
| 14. „ A. McG. C. Tampoe. | 41. „ P. Anjaneyulu. |
| 15. „ C. W. E. Cotton. | 42. „ P. C. Venkatapati Raju. |
| 16. „ V. Ch. John. | 43. „ J. A. Saldanha. |
| 17. „ M. A. Manikavelu Nayakar. | 44. „ Abdul Hamid Khan Sahib. |
| 18. „ Syed Tajudin Sahib. | 45. „ C. S. Govindaraja Mudaliyar. |
| 19. „ Abdul Wahab Sahib. | 46. „ G. Harisarvottama Rao. |
| 20. „ H. B. Ari Gowder. | 47. „ C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar. |
| 21. „ A. B. Shetty. | 48. „ Muhammad Meera Ravuttar. |
| 22. „ J. Bheemayya. | 49. „ D. Narayana Raju. |
| 23. „ R. Foulkes. | 50. Dr. B. S. Mallayya. |
| 24. „ P. J. Gnanavaram Pillai. | 51. Mr. K. Uppi Sahib. |
| 25. „ Mahmud Schammad Sahib. | 52. „ K. K. Karant. |
| 26. „ J. Kuppuswami. | 53. „ C. Obi Reddi. |
| 27. Subadar-Major Nanjappa Bahadur. | 54. „ A. Parasurama Rao. |
| | 55. „ A. Kaleswara Rao. |
| | 56. „ R. Srinivasa Ayyangar. |
| | 57. „ K. Koti Reddi. |
| | 58. „ C. Gopala Menon. |

Noes.

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| 1. Mr. N. Siva Raj. | 14. Mr. P. Siva Rao. |
| 2. „ M. V. Gangadara Siva. | 15. „ K. P. Raman Menon. |
| 3. „ S. Venkiah. | 16. „ B. Ramachandra Reddi. |
| 4. Rao Sahib M. Hampayya. | 17. Rao Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabapathi Mudaliyar. |
| 5. The Zamindar of Kallikota. | 18. Mr. P. T. Rajan. |
| 6. Mr. G. R. Premayya. | 19. Khan Bahadur S. K. Abdul Razaack Sahib. |
| 7. „ V. Kamjee Rao. | 20. Mr. Muhammad Khadir Mohidin Sahib. |
| 8. „ K. V. R. Swami. | 21. Rao Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu. |
| 9. „ C. Ramasomayajulu. | 22. Mr. K. Saraba Reddi. |
| 10. Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo. | 23. The Zamindar of Mirzapuram. |
| 11. Mr. B. Venkataratnam. | 24. Mr. A. V. Banaji Rao. |
| 12. Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar. | |
| 13. The Zamindar of Gollapalli. | |

Ayes 58. Noes 24.

The motion was carried.

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* Mr. P. C. VENKATAPATI RAJU :—" Mr. President, Sir, I now present the report of the Select Committee on the Bill to amend the Andhra University Act, 1925 (Bill No. 14 of 1927) and move that the Bill be taken into consideration."

* Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" I beg to second the motion."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The question is that the Bill be taken into consideration."

The motion was put and carried.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I shall put clause by clause to the vote of the House. The question is that clause 1 do stand part of the Bill."

The clause was put, passed and added to the Bill.

Clause 2.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I think the House will be in favour of discussing Mr. Venkatapati Raju's amendment. I select that amendment."

* Mr. P. C. VENKATAPATI RAJU :—" Mr. President, Sir, I now move the amendment that stands against my name that *for* the words 'in the town of Anantapur' *substitute* the words 'in the headquarters of the Andhra University.' First of all, my Bill as it was introduced in the Council and referred to the Select Committee appointed for the consideration of that Bill, is in the same words and it has been accepted by the Select Committee. But at the same time on account of the acceptance of another Bill, that of Mr. Obi Reddi or for some other reason, these two Bills have been mixed up. The Bill as was presented by me and as was accepted by the Select Committee is exactly in the same words. By the House accepting this amendment there will be possibility of every one of the other Bills being considered by the House and disposed of as they deem fit. Under the circumstances I request the House to accept my amendment which is more or less a consequential amendment, in the words of the original Bill."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" I beg to second the amendment."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The question is 'for the words "in the town of Anantapur" *substitute* the words "in the headquarters of the Andhra University." (Voices :—headquarters of the University.) The amendment which is in my hands is as given above. Hon. Members have already received notice of the amendment; there was time enough to send their amendments. Since they have not done so, I cannot accept any change now, as it will lead to confusion. By his amendment Mr. Ramjee Rao wants to contest the question of having a unitary type of university. If this motion is carried, he will not have the chance of moving his amendment. The question whether there should be a unitary type of university or the existing type of university cannot be disposed of by his amendment. I therefore propose to give an opportunity to Mr. Ramjee Rao to move his amendment after this motion is disposed of."

* Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI :—" Mr. President, Sir, I am very thankful that this motion has been allowed, because a logical question and a local question are involved and are under discussion. We shall dispose of, by the decision of the vote of this House, the logical question first and leave the location of the university thereafter entirely in the hands of the various

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sections of the House. The Select Committee considered this question very carefully and came to the conclusion that the concentration of Honours and Post-graduate courses at the University headquarters was the best course in which the Andhra University can be organized. Since the question has been pending from a very long long time and as I am sure that my hon. Friends would have forgotten the finding of the Select Committee, I propose to read one passage from the Select Committee's report. 'The Committee are in favour of the concentration of all Honours and Post-graduate courses at one centre only, since they consider that this concentration is essential both for the attainment of high standards of post-graduate and research work and for the most economical development of all classes of Honours courses, excepting courses in Technology. They have therefore decided by a majority that this Bill should be accepted.' The Select Committee recommended the rejection of most of the other Bills excepting this Bill."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"I think the hon. Member will have to confine his remarks only to the amendment before the House, viz., the substitution of the words 'in the headquarters of the Andhra University' for the words 'in the town of Anantapur.' The question whether it is to be a unitary type of university or an affiliated type of university is not under consideration now under the amendment before the House. When Mr. Ramjee Rao moves his amendment, the hon. Member's remarks will be quite in order then."

* Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI :—"I bow to your ruling, Sir. But I thought that this amendment involved the consideration of the question whether there should be three centres or one centre. I was not discussing at all the merits of the affiliated type of university or those of a unitary type of university. I was speaking only on the merits of the concentration of all the higher courses of study at one place, viz., the headquarters of the university and not at three centres."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"Even those remarks will not be in order now."

* Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI :—"For the reasons advanced by the Select Committee I am in favour of the concentration of the higher courses of study at the headquarters of the university. Perhaps I may deal with this question at a later stage. I do not want the logical question of the nature of the university to be complicated and mixed up with the question as to where it should be located. If this amendment of my hon. Friend, Mr. Venkatapati Raju, is carried, it will in no way affect the discussion which will take place, I hope, as to where the headquarters should be located. The fundamental question, viz., the nature of the university may be decided now without in any way prejudicing the question of the location of the university which may be decided by a subsequent vote of the House."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—"Mr. President, Sir, I support the amendment for the following reasons. Instead of the words 'in the town of Anantapur' it is very essential that the words 'in the headquarters of the Andhra University' should be substituted. If the words 'in the town of Anantapur' are retained, it will mean that the fight of other places for the headquarters of the university will cease. If the vote goes against Anantapur, Anantapur also will share the same fate."

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"Sir, the question involved in the Bill which my hon. Friend Mr. Venkatapati Raju brought forward is whether the Andhra University should be of the residential and teaching type or only a replica of the Madras University. Therefore, that is not going to decide the location of the headquarters of the university. I accordingly think that it is very essential that the words 'in the headquarters of the university' should be substituted for the words 'in the town of Anantapur'."

* Mr. S. ARPUDASWAMI UDAYAR :—"Sir, I support the motion. The principle of concentration of honours and post-graduate courses in the headquarters is certainly gaining ground and has become an established fact, I should say; for we are going to have another university where at the headquarters there will be concentration of honours and post-graduate courses. It is true that the new University at Chidambaram is of a unitary type. If this question of having all honours and post-graduate courses at the headquarters is now tackled and voted upon, then I take it that the ground will be clear for considering the question of the headquarters. I therefore think, Sir, that the House will be unanimous in discussing and accepting this motion."

* Rao Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—"Sir, there are two clauses in the Andhra University Act which have a bearing on this question. Clause 3 says 'The headquarters of the university shall be located at Bezwada.' Clause 6 says that 'the university shall not establish a university college or a first-grade college unless the buildings of the institution are situate in the towns of Vizagapatam, Rajahmundry or Anantapur.' By this Bill the hon. Mr. Venkatapati Raju wants to substitute the words 'in the headquarters of the university' for the words 'in the towns of Vizagapatam, Rajahmundry or Anantapur.' The Bill contains no further provision for amendment. The effect will be that no college could be started except at the headquarters of the university. But if you refer to clause 3 you find 'the headquarters of the university shall be located at Bezwada.' So, if the Bill is not further amended, it will be inconsistent, for there is no university college at Bezwada now. I believe my friend's idea is that by another amendment Bill later on, he will have the headquarters changed. I think it is open to Mr. Obi Reddi who is in charge of the other Bill either to move it or not. If there is possibly a deliberate effort to undo what the Select Committee by a majority decided upon, i.e., to give Anantapur the headquarters, we on our part, are not going to be a party to the moving of a Bill which is practically undoing the decision of the Select Committee. If a further amendment to clause 3 is not therefore to be moved, it will only mean that the question of the headquarters will have to be raised again; and if the mover really wants to change the headquarters from Bezwada to Rajahmundry, then I submit we cannot agree. I hope the House will know what it is voting for. It is voting for an amendment which is not by itself complete, unless another amendment is also made; and if that further amendment is not going to be made, I say there is no meaning in taking up this Bill. I therefore oppose the motion of my hon. Friend Mr. P. C. Venkatapati Raju."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"Before we discuss this, Mr. Satyamurti wants to move the omission of the word 'Andhra' in the amendment."

* Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"I beg to move, Sir, that the word 'Andhra' in the amendment be omitted."

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* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The question is to *omit* the word 'Andhra' in the amendment of Mr. P. C. Venkatapati Raju. Mr. Venkatapati Raju's amendment is to put in the words 'in the headquarters of the Andhra University.' If Mr. Satyamurti's motion is carried, it will then read 'in the headquarters of the university'."

The amendment was put to the House and carried.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The amended amendment is now for the consideration of the House."

* Mr. P. SIVA RAO :—"Mr. President, Sir, I take it that the hon. the Mover Mr. P. C. Venkatapati Raju wants that the question as to whether there should be concentration or not should be discussed at the outset. He wants that wherever the headquarters may be, whether at Rajahmundry, Vizagapatam, Anantapur or Bezwada, no university or first-grade college should be started anywhere else than at the headquarters. Subject to the question of the headquarters being decided later on by a future vote of the House, he wants this preliminary question as to whether we should have a unitary residential and teaching university for the whole of Andhradesa or whether we should preserve intact the original characteristics of the present Act, i.e., that there should be simultaneous development of three centres, viz., Rajahmundry, Vizagapatam and Anantapur, should be decided. I think we should not think of a unitary type of university until there has been simultaneous development of these three centres and until they have come up to a certain level and become fit enough to be university centres themselves."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"Order, order. I am afraid the hon. Member for Bellary is going into the merits of clause 2. In order to go into the merits of clause 2, there are two occasions, one when Mr. Ramjee Rao's motion is moved, or if this amendment is carried, when clause 2 as amended is put to for discussion of the House. But now the only question for the consideration of the House is whether the wording shall be 'in the town of Anantapur' or 'in the headquarters of the university'."

* Mr. P. SIVA RAO :—"If the question is narrowed down like that, Sir, I shall prefer to wait."

* Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"Sir, I am anxious to clear a misapprehension which my hon. Friend from Chittoor seems to be labouring under, i.e., that there is some kind of conspiracy to disturb the findings of the Select Committee with regard to certain Bills. There is no conspiracy, and if there were, Sir, it would not survive in this House; because all these Bills have been reported on by the Select Committee, and I do not think unless the House goes to sleep, that any of these Bills will escape being considered, and whatever conclusions are reached as a result of the consideration of all these Bills will be the expression of the opinion of this House after full consideration of all the Bills which are now before the House. I consider, Mr. President, that the merits of this amending Bill, as my hon. Friend the Vice-Chancellor of the Andhra University neatly put it, is in enabling us to vote on the question whether this single centre—I won't use the phrases which give rise to misapprehensions—of this university should be at the headquarters of the university, leaving it to the House to decide later on where that headquarters shall be. It will therefore, Sir, be a straight vote on a simple question uncoloured by any local prejudice or passion. I think, Sir, that is the supreme merit of this amendment, and I earnestly commend it to the House."

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* **MR. A. KALESWARA RAO** :—" Mr. President, Sir, at this stage I propose an adjournment of the consideration of the Bill to a period beyond three months from this day. I shall give my reasons, Sir, in support of my adjournment motion. We have just come to the idea of having a unitary and residential university; that is how I understand it. When we start a residential university, financial help will be necessary to be got from any quarter. As a matter of fact, recently the District Board of Guntur has passed a resolution offering Rs. 5 lakhs if it be at a particular place, i.e., at Bezwada. Also the Municipal Council of Bezwada and the Municipal Council of Guntur and also the Kistna District Board have promised some lakhs of rupees each. All those promises will take time to materialize, that is, the resolutions will have to be sent up to the Government and approved and the money should be collected. If really something like Rs. 15 or 16 lakhs come in for a residential university, this Council would be certainly loath to lose such a substantial amount. Therefore, at this stage, if we postpone these Bills for three months, all these promises will materialize, and we shall be then in a position to take that fact also into consideration. We now see that the Government have come forward with a substantial contribution towards the Annamalai University when a gentleman of the status of Sir Annamalai Chettiar has come forward with a donation of Rs. 20 lakhs. In Andhradesa also a central area may come forward with a substantial contribution. I therefore think that it is better that we wait for a few months more and then decide this question once for all. After all, Sir, the resolutions were passed by responsible bodies and responsible men like the Rajas of Uyyur, Mirzapur and Gollapalli and the Presidents of Taluk Boards, District Boards and Municipalities have signed a manifesto on this account which might have reached some of the Members of this hon. House. When such promises are forthcoming, without taking them into consideration, it would not be wise or prudent to rush on with this business. Therefore, as a business proposition, I would put before the House this motion that these Bills be adjourned for a period of three months."

* **MR. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR** :—" Mr. President, Sir, I want to second this motion. Sir, I am absolutely certain, having heard the speech of my hon. Friend, the mover of the amendment, that nothing will be lost by postponing these Bills for three months. Certainly the Heavens will not fall and there is every possibility of our attracting the generosity of rich men in the meantime. For this reason, I heartily second this motion."

* **THE HON. THE PRESIDENT** :—" The question is that the consideration of the Bill be postponed for three months."

* **MR. J. A. SALDANHA** :—" Mr. President, Sir, I am not going into the merits of the case. The point before us is whether this university should have only one centre. That is the question to be decided now by the amendment of my hon. Friend on the right. This adjournment motion will not affect the present amendment brought by my hon. Friend; if an adjournment motion is brought after the present amendment is passed, then it will be in order. I do not see any reason why this adjournment motion should be brought at this stage. Whether Bezwada or Anantapur should be the headquarters of the university is a question to be decided later on; but if we decide that there is to be one centre, then there will be enough time for us to decide which should be the headquarters. But before deciding the question

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of that single centre, this question of getting money—especially when there are so many centres prepared to give lakhs and even a crore should be decided first. If any centres in the Andhradesa want to have the university, they must of course pay large amounts for it, and that centre which pays most will certainly have the headquarters.”

* Mr. S SATYAMURTI :—“ Mr. President, Sir, I have considerable sympathy with the point of view expressed by my hon Friend from Bezwada, but at the same time, may I request him and those who think with him to consider and wait adjourning the discussion of those Bills, till the House has voted on the Bill just now before the House? Because, Sir, even if the present Bill be passed without any further amendment, merely leaving it as a university having its colleges in one place, the question of the headquarters will depend on those considerations to which my hon. Friend has given expression, as to whether a particular place will be prepared to come forward with those magnificent endowments which will make it possible for the Government and this House to found a high class residential, teaching and unitary university in that place.

“ But, Sir, for the sake of finding out a place, I would venture to suggest, in all humility to my Andhra friends that they ought not to postpone making up their minds, so far as this fundamental matter is concerned. A considerable impetus will be given to those who are enthusiastic about the new Andhra University and I am sure those great and philanthropic Zamindars to whose names my hon. Friend from Bezwada has made a reference, will feel more enthusiastic when they know that they are going to get, in return for their generosity and endowment to the university, a first-class teaching and unitary university. My hon. Friend from Bezwada used the word ‘rushing.’ That is exactly the word one would not like to use in the case of the Andhra University Bills. As you know, we are already going on at a snail’s pace, and to talk of rushing in connexion with the Andhra University Bills, is exactly using the word which should not be used here. I would like to put it to my Andhra friends, if they would not misunderstand me, that it is not right that they ought to be quarrelling about this university and make no progress whatever. You have in your Vice-Chancellor, a man of great educational ideals, and you have had an Act for nearly three or four years; what have you done? You have simply to make up your minds as to whether each man should have a university in his own backyard or whether there should be a university in every district. Again, I would repeat, I mean no offence, that the Andhras must make up their minds to come by their own. The Tamil country—I am a Tamilian—is forging ahead. The Madras University you have given up; go forward and may God bless you. The Chidambaram University is going to be a fact in a day or two. What are the Andhras going to do; postpone every action for three months? What is going to happen after three months? I say nothing will happen till we all meet again in this Council for discussing the Bills. Then again some one will start postponing again for three more months. We have to settle something now and say that we shall decide once and for all and that we shall have a university of a particular type. It would give a great impetus for those who wish to give 20 lakhs or 30 lakhs to start a university. I say to my Andhra friends and to those with high university ideals not to trifle with this matter any longer, but to decide one way or the other, for the good name of the Andhra University itself.”

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* **Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO** :—“ Mr. President, Sir, without meaning any offence, as my hon. Friend for the University did not mean any offence to us, to those who have advised us in all these matters, I might immediately say, that even the Member for the University has not given us a solution. He has merely hinted that this Bill might be considered and the rest might be postponed, so that encouragement might be given to people to compete between themselves on very many grounds, more especially of money and yet delay the formation and proper functioning of the university. The Andhra University Bills are said to have been held up on account of the indecision of the Andhras. I have no hesitation in saying that the Andhras have certainly a great deal to do with the delay and I am not particularly proud of our own performance, but still, Sir, I feel that we are not entirely to blame. There was the Senate of the Andhra University that came to a particular conclusion. This House considered the question and appointed a Select Committee. The Select Committee came again to a similar conclusion and time after time the Senate's resolution, as well as the Select Committee's resolution have both been relegated to a corner for an indefinite period on account of the vacillation of all sides that are responsible for the functioning of the Andhra University. I therefore feel that no purpose will be served by delaying matters very much further, but if my hon. Friend Mr. Satyamurti would tell us that this is the only Bill that may be considered and the rest might be left over, I should certainly be sorry for an attitude like that. I expected that as a man of business, who means business, he would rise equal to the occasion and say, money or no money, the Government has a responsibility in regard to this university and they have to perform that responsibility and therefore they must go forward without looking to this side or that side and that the decision of the House may be taken immediately. Without saying that, he has told us that certain encouragement should be held out to certain centres. If that is the attitude it would be difficult for men like myself to decide. I am anxious that the question should be settled. We have been accused, all of us from Rajahmundry, Anantapur and Bezwada, we have all been accused of parochialism. So far as Anantapur is concerned, it is not true to the same extent as others. The conclusions arrived at by two authoritative bodies, this Council has not chosen to give sanction to. It is only our misfortune and nothing more. Therefore, I feel that the question should not be left over, but it must be decided immediately. I am not for the adjournment motion proposed by my hon. Friend from Bezwada.”

* **The ZAMINDAR OF MIRZAPURAM** :—“ Mr. President, Sir, I rise to support the adjournment motion of my Friend, Mr. Kaleswara Rao. The object of our asking for an adjournment motion is that the District Boards of Kistna and Guntur and the Municipal Councils of Bezwada and Guntur are coming up with proposals to contribute 15 lakhs towards the Andhra University provided that the headquarters and the centre are located at Bezwada. Hitherto the question of voluntary contribution did not come up, but it looked as though Government was going to spend money. If time is allowed we will be able to gather all the money and hand it over to the Government and ask them to give us the centre. If the other centres come forward with similar proposals then it may be considered so that the Andhra University may have sufficient funds at its disposal. Until then the discussion of this question may be adjourned; it is only a matter of three months. I am sure the House would support the motion for adjournment.”

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Mr. A. RAṄGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" I move, Sir, that the question be now put."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The question is that the question be now put."

The closure motion was put to the House and carried.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I now put the adjournment motion to the vote of the House. The question is that the consideration of this item be postponed to this day three months. All the items cannot be put because this is the only item that is now under the consideration of the House."

• The motion was put to the House and declared lost.

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao demanded a poll and the House divided thus :—

Ayes.

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| 1. The hon. Sir Norman Macjoribanks. | 30. Mr. S. Venkayya. |
| 2. " Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur. | 31. The Zamindar of Singampatti. |
| 3. " Mr. T. E. Moir. | 32. Mr. W. E. Smith. |
| 4. " Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar. | 33. " S. N. Dorai Raja. |
| 5. " Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar. | 34. The Zamindar of Kallikota. |
| 6. " Dr. P. Subbarayan. | 35. Mr. U. Ramaswami Ayyar. |
| 7. Rao Bahadur C. V. Anantakrishna Ayyar. | 36. Rao Sahib R. Srinivasan. |
| 8. Mr. C. B. Cotterell, C.I.E., I.C.S. | 37. Mr. G. R. Premayya. |
| 9. " C. A. Souter. | 38. " V. Ramjee Rao. |
| 10. " S. H. Slater. | 39. Dr. B. S. Mullayya. |
| 11. " A. McG. C. Tampoe. | 40. Mr. P. Bhaktavatsulu Nayudu. |
| 12. " C. W. E. Cotton. | 41. Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo. |
| 13. " V. Ch. John. | 42. Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao. |
| 14. " M. A. Munikavela Nayakar. | 43. " R. Srinivasa Ayyangar. |
| 15. Syed Tajuddin Sahib Bahadur. | 44. " T. C. Srinivasa Ayyangar. |
| 16. Mr. Balakrishna Shetti. | 45. " P. Siva Rao. |
| 17. " J. Bheemayya. | 46. " Obavadi K. Subrahmanya Pillai. |
| 18. " R. Foulkes. | 47. " B. Ramachandra Reddi. |
| 19. " P. J. Gnanavaram Pillai. | 48. Rao Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar. |
| 20. " Muppil Nayar. | 49. Raja of Panagal. |
| 21. " J. Kuppuswami. | 50. Mr. P. T. Rajan. |
| 22. Subadar-Major S. A. Nanjappa Bahadur. | 51. Khan Bahadur S. K. Abdul Razack Sahib Bahadur. |
| 23. Rao Bahadur O. M. Narayana Nambudripad. | 52. Muhammad Khadir Mohidin Sahib Bahadur. |
| 24. Mr. T. M. Narayanaswami Pillai. | 53. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar. |
| 25. " K. Krishnan. | 54. Rao Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu. |
| 26. " N. Siva Raj. | 55. Mr. K. Sarabha Reddi. |
| 27. " W. P. A. Soundara Pandya Nadar. | 56. Zamindar of Mirzapuram. |
| 28. " S. Subrahmanya Mooppanar. | 57. Kumara Raja of Venkatagiri. |
| 29. Daniel Thomas. | 58. Mr. A. V. Bhanoji Rao. |

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| 1. Diwan Bahadur P. Kesava Pillai. | 11. Mr. J. A. Saldanha. |
| 2. Mr. M. V. Gangadhara Siva. | 12. " Abdul Hamid Khan. |
| 3. Rao Sahib M. Hampayya. | 13. " G. Harisarvottama Rao. |
| 4. Mr. C. R. Reddi. | 14. " C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar. |
| 5. " S. Arpudaswami Udayar. | 15. " K. V. R. Swami. |
| 6. " S. Satyamurti. | 16. " D. Narayana Raja. |
| 7. " C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar. | 17. " K. Uppi Sahib. |
| 8. " T. Adinarayana Chettiyar. | 18. " K. R. Karant. |
| 9. " P. Anjaneyulu. | 19. " C. Ramasomayajulu. |
| 10. " P. C. Venkatapati Raju. | 20. " K. Koti Reddi. |

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| 21. Mr. V. Kameswara Rao Nayudu. | 27. Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami |
| 22. „ L. K. Tulasiram. | Mudaliyar. |
| 23. „ C. Marudavanam Pillai. | 28. Mr. R. Nagan Gowda. |
| 24. „ C. Venkatarangam Nayudu. | 29. The Zamindar of Gollapalli. |
| 25. „ B. Venkataratnam. | 30. Mr. C. R. Parthasarathi Ayyangar. |
| 26. „ A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar. | |

Ayes 58. Noes 30.

The motion was carried.

1 p.m. *The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ This adjournment motion disposes of item 8. Now, the House will resume consideration of item 1.”

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—“ Sir, I move that items 1 to 7 do stand adjourned to this day three months.”

* Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—“ I second it.”

* Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—“ Mr. President, Sir, it is criminal neglect on the part of this Council that these items should be postponed. This question has been hanging fire for over one year. Funds have been withheld from the university by the responsible Minister. He has set at naught schemes sent up by the University authorities for execution with the help of the Government. To-day with the help of a majority he carries an adjournment motion postponing this matter for three months. Within three months the Budget of this province will have been practically made up, and it would be a very good excuse for the hon. the Education Minister to tell us that the University question not having been settled, he is not in a position to allot funds. I therefore think that he cannot go on in this manner wasting the time of this House. We have wasted sufficiently the time of this House and I do not feel that we will be entitled to do that sort of business in this House if we have any responsibility to our constituencies and to the ratepayers of the province. I therefore oppose this motion for adjournment.”

Diwan Bahadur P. KESAVA PILLAI :—“ I *strongly* oppose this motion, Sir. (Laughter.) The Chief Minister has not been impartial and he has been trying to undermine us. I understand that it is parliamentary to say ‘undermine’, and that I am entitled to say so. I have come here to vote for Anantapur. I have given notice of a Bill to that effect and expect it to be carried and to have the university centre at Anantapur. I only wanted that the Select Committee’s report should be adopted and we are going to do it. I may say again that our friend is trying to undermine us, and with the help of the majority he is crushing us.”

* Mr. P. SIVA RAO :—“ Mr. President, now that the vote of the House has been taken regarding item 8 on the agenda, I do not think that any useful purpose will be served by my hon. Friends opposing this motion. The same principle should apply to all the Andhra University Bills. Now, Sir, there are excellent reasons for the adjournment of these items. Even last time there was a similar motion for adjournment on the ground that there had not been sufficient time to enable all the representative members of the Andhradesa to consider and agree among themselves. And I know, Sir, that an attempt was made by the hon. the Chief Minister to confer with people of the Andhradesa, but he could not do it for want of time. Now, we have not been able

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to make up our minds on this fundamental question, whether there should be a unitary type of university for the Andhradesa or whether we should have a federal type of it. And then, the other important question is the location of headquarters which also caused a good deal of anxious consideration; and I do not agree with the reasons given by Mr. Kaleswara Rao for the adjournment. He wants to promote the interests of Bezwada. But for different reasons I heartily join with him in supporting this motion. The hon. Member for Anantapur for whom I have the greatest respect seems to be under a delusion that the way for Anantapur is smooth enough, but as one who has been in the midst of this party warfare and who has been going about eliciting opinions as to this locality or that being made the headquarters, I know the practical difficulties of Anantapur attaining its desired object. (A voice :—Don't prophesy). I shall make a forecast and I am at perfect liberty to do so. Whatever it may be I do not think that the interests of Anantapur—incidentally I may say that I am an Anantapurian myself—will suffer by the postponement of this question for three months. In the meantime let us sit together and consider what particular type of university would satisfy the present requirements."

Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN :—"Sir, it is highly deplorable that Andhra Members of this House should have thought it necessary to ask for an adjournment of this question even at this session. When this question was brought up before the Council at the last session, some of us did realize that this was a matter that was not going to be settled even at this session and our prophecy has come true. What I deplore most is the attitude of the Government (Hear, hear). It seems to me that the Government themselves have not made up their minds. (Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar :—They have no minds to make up). They either should go with the majority of the Andhra Members of this House or they should have a policy of their own. It was a sight to see the expert Member who is here for this very question in this Council, the Vice-Chancellor of the Andhra University voting against the Government. That shows that even with regard to this matter the Government is not acting with unanimity with the expert who is the Vice-Chancellor and who is expected to know more about the question than anybody else. When he is of that opinion, I was at a loss to find out why the Government did not think it necessary to vote the other way, that is, for deciding the question contained in this Bill now. Sir, they ask for three months time, and I am not sure that some of us may be feeling that these three months may be protracted. I do not know why an important question such as this, as has been said by many a Member, has been dragging along for months and months. It is very well known that the Andhra University is an important matter to be settled, and the university has been starved. Now, I do not know for what reasons, the Government is siding with such of those as are asking for postponement of the question. Besides, if this matter, as has been proposed, is adjourned, we will have to consider about the financial condition. If we consider the financial position of the Government we will realize that they will not have the money to come forward with, for one year more to help the Andhra University, because by that time the budget would have been settled and the Government will not have made any provision for helping the Andhra University. We foresaw this and now, the Government either with

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a view not to help the Andhra University, or with a view not to help the Andhra people to realize their hopes of getting their University at least for a year or two to come, are supporting the adjournment of this question."

* Mr. P. C. VENKATAPATHI RAJU :—" Mr. President, Sir, I am sorry that the gentlemen who are responsible for the adjournment motion are not considering the disastrous results. . . ."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member will be in order if he refers to this adjournment motion, not the previous one."

* Mr. P. C. VENKATAPATHI RAJU :—" I am just reminding the House of its previous action. The gentlemen that are now urging this postponement, not only the mover but also the supporters and especially the Andhra gentlemen do not seem to understand the disastrous effects it will have upon the working of the Andhra University Act. The Andhra University Act came into force three years back. Ever since that time, in spite of the strenuous efforts of the gentleman that is at the helm of the University, we are not able to progress. For some time want of facilities to the Government to consider the questions connected with the University in their departments, and for some time, existence of difference of opinion among the Andhras, have been alleged as the reasons for the Government not being able to make the Andhra University which they have created effectively work. The Andhra University has been created by the Government, if not by this Government, by the then Government with some ideas about the University. They might have had some idea as to what type it should be and proceeded with the work, but the University lies more or less in a dormant condition; the Government have only appointed the staff but they are not allowing it to function properly. Some of the Andhra gentlemen themselves have given the Government some handle to somehow or other evade doing their duty towards the University. Now the postponement of the consideration of these Bills for three months will be really disastrous. By the time these three months elapse proposals for the next budget for 1929-30 will be before the Government and will be considered. No new proposal or provision can be made then. Now, this is the first year, as we know, of the Government having the full remission of the provincial contribution to the India Government. When once the money is in their hands the Government will somehow or other see a way of utilizing it for purposes which they think best, and after such utilization, my Andhra brethren will find the Government without funds."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I wish to know from Mr. Harisarvottama Rao what he is reading." (Mr. Harisarvottama Rao was reading a newspaper).

* Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" I beg your pardon, Sir."

* Mr. P. C. VENKATAPATHI RAJU :—" Even if the gentlemen that are now, for postponement want to come to a satisfactory conclusion with regard to the Andhra University Act, they will find that, in spite of its constitution being one of the best, the money, the real requisite, is wanting. Of course by the postponement of the other Bill, in spite of my strong feeling that the University should be of a particular type"

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* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Order, order. The hon. Member will not be in order in commenting upon a vote of this House already passed."

* Mr. P. C. VENKATAPATHI RAJU :—" I am not commenting. In spite of my Bill being postponed, I am against the postponement of the other Bills, for the important reason that it will be also disastrous to postpone even these Bills. If we postpone them, even the Act as it stands without any improvement cannot be worked for some time to come. I am quite sure that this three months time asked for will create further complications. And I will not be surprised if the best solution is then found to be the repealing of the Act, and some member either from Andhra country or outside may come forward with a repealing Bill to do away with the Andhra University Act altogether."

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Mr. President, Sir, I am sorry my hon. Friends thought that I had a deep motive in supporting the adjournment of this question. I can tell them that there is nothing farther from my mind than that I should go to kill the Andhra University. My only concern was that the University should be of a unitary type. I do not think we would have arrived at that conclusion on Mr. Venkatapathi Raju's Bill. No doubt the honours courses, etc., may be concentrated at the centre but still the University as it stands under the Act passed by Sir Patro will still have affiliating functions. That was tried at the London University and the Lord Haldane Committee which was specially appointed to enquire into the working of the system of extra territorial and territorial jurisdiction of the University of London declared emphatically that it would not be possible to run both the systems together and when my Friend, Mr. Kaleswara Rao, suggested that we may adjourn to three months and suggested there was a possibility of a large endowment coming from a part of the Andhradesa which will bring into existence a University like Chidambaram, I thought that it was a good opportunity and that the adjournment should be granted. A conclusion could not be arrived at by the Bill of Mr. Venkatapathi Raju and that was the reason which impelled the Government to vote for the adjournment and I can tell them that there was no sinister or base motive on the part of myself or my colleagues."

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* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I request the hon. Member to confine his remarks to the present motion. He cannot take this opportunity to explain why Government voted one way on a previous motion."

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I was impelled to refer to this because you never objected when Mr. Harisarovttama Rao imputed motives to the Government."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. the Chief Minister is not quite in order in finding fault with the Chair by saying that it has not ruled out the speech of Mr. Harisarovttama Rao."

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I apologize to the Chair for having made that reference. I bow to your ruling and won't consider that any further. That adjournment having been carried, Mr. President, I think it is a logical consequence that this adjournment should also be carried. Because having for once decided that there should be a unitary type, I do not think we will arrive at a conclusion and that is the reason why I supported the adjournment moved by Mr. Anjaneyulu."

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* Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—"I do not want to adduce any reason for the excellent reasons given by the Chief Minister. I was surprised to see that Mr. Venkatapathi Raju gave up his whole ground and wanted no real unitary type. I am really surprised to see that. Of course all his arguments might have been pertinent to the previous adjournment motion. Now that we have the most important Bill advocating the residential type of university postponed, it is but necessary that we should adjourn all the other Bills and reconsider them again after three months."

The motion was put and declared carried.

A poll was demanded and the House divided thus :

Ayes.

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| 1. The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks. | 33. Mr. Daniel Thomas. |
| 2. " Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur. | 34. Mr. S. Venkayya. |
| 3. " Mr. T. E. Moir. | 35. " Syed Ibrahim Sahib Bahadur. |
| 4. " Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar. | 36. The Zamindar of Singampatti. |
| 5. " Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar. | 37. Mr. W. E. Smith. |
| 16. " Dr. P. Subbarayan. | 38. The Zamindar of Kallikota. |
| 7. Rao Bahadur C. V. Anantakrishna Ayyar. | 39. Mr. S. Arpadaswami Udayar. |
| 8. Mr. C. B. Cotterell. | 40. Rajkumar S. N. Dorai Raja. |
| 9. " H. A. Watson. | 41. Mr. K. Ramachandra Padayachi. |
| 10. " C. A. Souter. | 42. " U. Ramaswami Ayyar. |
| 11. " S. H. Slater. | 43. Rao Sahib R. Srinivasan. |
| 12. " A. McG. C. Tampoe. | 44. Khan Bahadur P. Khalif-ul-lah Sahib Bahadur. |
| 13. " C. W. E. Cotton. | 45. Mr. G. R. Premayya. |
| 14. " V. Ch. John. | 46. " V. Ramjee Rao. |
| 15. " M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar. | 47. " S. Satyamurti. |
| 16. Syed Taj-ud-din Sahib Bahadur. | 48. " P. Anjaneyulu. |
| 17. Abdul Wahab Sahib Bahadur. | 49. Dr. B. S. Mallayya. |
| 18. Mr. C. D. Appava Chettiyar. | 50. Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao. |
| 19. " A. B. Shetty. | 51. " R. Srinivasa Ayyangar. |
| 20. " J. Bheemayya. | 52. " T. C. Srinivasa Ayyangar. |
| 21. " P. J. Gnanavaram Pillai. | 53. " P. Siva Rao. |
| 22. " Muppil Nayar of Kavalappara. | 54. " Chavadi K. Subrahmanya Pillai. |
| 23. " J. Kuppuswami. | 55. " B. Ramachandra Reddi. |
| 24. Subadar-Major S. A. Nanjappa Bahadur. | 56. The Raja of Panagal. |
| 25. Rao Bahadur O. M. Narayanan Nambudiripad. | 57. Khan Bahadur S. K. Abdul Razaack Sahib Bahadur. |
| 26. Mr. T. M. Narayanaswami Pillai. | 58. Muhammad Khadir Mobideen Sahib Bahadur. |
| 27. " K. Krishnan. | 59. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar. |
| 28. " N. Siva Raj. | 60. Rao Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu. |
| 29. Rao Sahib L. C. Guruswami. | 61. Mr. K. Sarabha Reddi. |
| 30. Mr. V. I. Muniswami Pillai. | 62. The Zamindar of Mirzapuram. |
| 31. " W. P. A. Soundara Pandia Nadar. | 63. The Kumara Raja of Venkatagiri. |
| 32. " S. Subrahmanya Moopanar. | 64. Mr. A. V. Bhanoji Rao. |

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| 1. Diwan Bahadur P. Kesava Pillai. | 11. Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu. |
| 2. Mr. M. V. Gangadhara Siva. | 12. Sriwan Biswanath Das Mahasayo. |
| 3. Rao Sahib M. Hampayya. | 13. Mr. K. Koti Reddi. |
| 4. Mr. Abdul Hamid Khan. | 14. " L. K. Tulasiram. |
| 5. " G. Harisarvottama Rao. | 15. " C. Marudavanam Pillai. |
| 6. " C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar. | 16. " C. Venkatarangam Nayudu. |
| 7. " K. V. R. Swami. | 17. " B. Venkataratnam. |
| 8. " D. Narayana Raju. | 18. " K. Nagan Gowda. |
| 9. " K. Uppi Sahib Bahadur. | 19. The Zamindar of Gollapalli. |
| 10. " K. R. Karant. | |

Ayes 64. Noes 19.

The motion was carried.

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* Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" I move that items 9 to 11 and 17 be adjourned for three months from to-day."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" I second it."

The motion was put and carried.

IV

A BILL TO AMEND THE MADRAS LOCAL BOARDS ACT, 1920.

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" I move, Sir,

that the Bill ^a to amend the Local Boards Act, 1920, be taken into consideration."

Mr. P. BHAKTHAVATSULU NAYUDU :—" I second it."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" I beg to move that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee composed of the following gentlemen :—

- (1) The hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government.
- (2) The hon. the Advocate-General.
- (3) Mr. S. Arpudaswami Udayar.
- (4) Rao Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu.
- (5) Mr. V. I. Muniswami Pillai.
- (6) Khan Bahadur Muhammad Abdul Razack Sahib Bahadur.
- (7) Mr. C. S. Govindaraja Mudaliyar.
- (8) „ Abdul Hamid Khan Sahib.
- (9) „ A. Kaleswara Rao.
- (10) „ C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar.
- (11) „ S. Satyamurti.
- (12) „ Sami Venkatachalam Chetti.
- (13) Rao Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapathi Mudaliyar.
- (14) Mr. K. R. Venkatarama Ayyar.
- (15) „ Basheer Ahmed Sayeed Sahib.

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" I second it."

The Council rose for lunch.

After Lunch (2-30 p.m.).

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The Council will now resume the discussion of the motion of Mr. S. Satyamurti to refer Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed's Bill to amend the Madras Local Boards Act to a Select Committee."

* Mr. C. S. GOVINDARAJA MUDALIYAR :—" Mr. President, Sir, I beg to move that under Standing Order No. 40(2) permission be granted to refer the Bill to a Select Committee composed of more than 15 members."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" I second it."

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Sir, I wanted to oppose even the motion for reference to a Select Committee. . ."

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